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DNR Reports

This begins the third year of DNR Reports. I hope you have found the column informative and interesting. I have tried to address areas of DNR involvement focusing on our work with birds, but also related topics such as pesticide poisoning and the Critical Area.

I will continue to focus this column on our work with birds. If there are specific topics you would like addressed, bird related or otherwise, please let me know. My address is given at the bottom of the column. I encourage you to write.

Well, its tax time again. "What does that have to do with birds?" you ask. Remember, this year starts the new tax check-off for the Chesapeake Bay and endangered species. This is your opportunity to donate whatever amount you wish to help support efforts such as I have been reporting in this column. Look for line 63 on your tax form. We appreciate your considerations, and please pass the word around.

One of the new areas we are getting involved in is urban wildlife management. We are currently developing programs to provide in this arena. Since the vast majority of Maryland's citizens live in urban areas, we want to provide programs that will increase these folk's awareness and appreciation of wildlife. We also plan to develop programs to help conserve habitat in urban areas, as well as enhance these areas for wildlife. We are just in the initial stages of development at this time, so I can't provide more details yet.

In the spirit of cooperation, we recently offered the MOS Trails Committee the opportunity to erect and maintain bluebird trails on DNR's Wildlife Management Areas throughout the State. Many of these areas provide ideal habitat for bluebirds. Though primarily used for public hunting, these lands provide excellent opportunities for other activities including birdwatching. A number are already popular birding spots, such as Indian Springs, McKee-Beshers, and Hugg-Thomas.

Recent data from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Breeding Bird survey indicate declining populations of grassland nesting birds, such as grasshopper sparrow and eastern meadowlark. Reasons for this decline are not known, but it needs to be addressed. Similarly, studies have documented loss of forest interior breeding birds from areas in Central Maryland. Loss of habitat and fragmentation of forests has been blamed. We are starting to address this issue.

Obviously, there is much to be done. As we continue current efforts and expand into new areas, I will keep you informed. I look forward to another good year of DNR Reports. I hope you do to.

Glenn D. Therres
Maryland Forest, Park & Wildlife Service
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Irish Grove Workday

With rain threatening under overcast skies, the annual workday at Irish Grove got underway by 9:30 a.m. on November 5, 1988. A total of thirty-five people showed up to help make this a very successful event.

As people and supplies arrived, work crews were formed and delegated tasks. In addition to the usual house cleaning crew and field mowers, there were three construction crews: one for a bridge on the North Trail; one for two bridges and a platform on Rail Trail; and one for a big tower on Canal Trail. When the North Trail crew finished their bridge, they joined up with the Rail Trail crews. Work kept up until heavy rain started falling around 1:30 p.m.

By that time, Wicomico Chapter members had brought the food for our dinner. There was a vast array of food to complement the two big roast turkeys provided by Ruth Denit. Ruth says she has fixed over 240 pounds of turkey for these workday dinners. That's a lot of turkey!!

By the time we had finished eating, the rain had stopped so the work crews went back to work and worked until it was too dark to see!!

Fifteen people spent Saturday night at Irish Grove. We enjoyed turkey sandwiches while watching slide presentations given by Jim Stasz and Bob Ringler. All were in bed by 10 p.m.!

On Sunday, we awoke to a beautiful day with not a cloud in sight ro mar the blue skies. After a 7 a.m. bird walk out to East Creek, ten workers went back to work and stayed with the projects until the last plank on the bridges and last step on the tower were nailed down.

A very big 'thank you' goes out to all the thirty-five people who participated in this event. A double 'thank you' to those who stayed over and finished up projects on Sunday. A special 'thanks' to Wicomico Chapter whose eighteen participants provided our meal, cleaned house, mowed fields and built the tower on the Canal Trail. Other Chapter participants were as follows: eight from Anne Arundel, three from Baltimore, two from Caroline, and one each from Carrol, Howard, Jug Bay and Talbot.

Dotty Mumford
Sanctuary Committee Chairman

Scholarships Available

The Scholarship Committee is now soliciting applications for six educational scholarships. Three of these scholarships are for study at an Audubon summer Ecology Camp and three for training in Ornithology.

The Audubon Summer Ecology Camps generally run two weeks and are repeated throughout the summer at the Camps in Maine, Connecticut and Wyoming. The winning candidates can attend a time and place of their choice. The Scholarships for training in Ornithology send winning candidates to a one week course at the Cornell Laboratory or to a one week ornithology workshop given by the Audubon Society at the Maine Audubon Camp.

Applicants for all scholarships must be at least eighteen years old, must be residents of Maryland or work in Maryland. They do not have to be members of MOS. The intent is to train people who are in positions or in activities in which they can pass on what they have learned to others.

Applicants should write a personal letter stating their qualifications and reasons for wanting the scholarship. They should also secure two letters of recommendation from MOS members or other individuals who know of their interests and activities. These letters should be sent to the local chapter president and then forwarded to the Chairman, MOS Scholarship Committee. Candidates must indicate whether they are interested in a scholarship to an Audubon Ecology Workshop or in a scholarship providing training in Ornithology.

Winning candidates will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee. All candidates and their chapters will be notified of the results in late February or early March. There is a deadline of January 31st for all letters of recommendation and application to reach the committee. If extension of time is required, please contact your chapter president.

Mildred Gebhard, Chm.
The Scholarship Committee

New Tax Checkoff Benefits The Bay And Wildlife

Thanks to the 1988 Maryland General Assembly, all Maryland Taxpayers will have an opportunity to be part of the effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay and manage Maryland's nongame and endangered species.

A tax checkoff bill was passed which creates a Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund. On the 1988 state income tax form, taxpayers will be asked to place a check (✓) in the box on line 63 if they wish to contribute to the fund. The taxpayer then enters the amount of the donation in the right-hand column. This amount is then deducted from the refund or added to the tax payment.

The fund is managed by two conservation organizations; the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Department of Natural Resource's Forest, Park and Wildlife Service, which share the fund equally.

The Trust will use its share of the fund for its citizen's participation grants program for Bay restoration projects. The DNR-Forest, Park and Wildlife Service will spend its share on habitats acquisition and protection, grants for citizen conservation projects and expansion of its volunteer coordination efforts.

Maryland is now the 34th state to have a tax checkoff for wildlife. Last year over $10 million was donated through tax checkoffs in the other states. This mechanism provides a good opportunity for raising funds in an organized and inexpensive manner. Neighboring states all have checkoffs. The amounts generated last year ranged from $445,000 in West Virginia to $642,000 in Virginia. Hopefully, Maryland will generate funds on the higher end of the range.

Everyone can help by passing the news around to fellow sportsmen, friends, and relatives. A contribution on each tax return will be greatly appreciated and will be tax deductible on next year's 1989 return.

For further information contact the Chesapeake Bay Trust at 974-2941 or the Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service at 974-3036.

Request For Assistance

Norm Saunders is attempting to compile an up-to-date check list of the birds of Maryland by county. If your chapter has compiled such a list for the counties surrounding your area and if you would like your material included in the county checklist, please get in touch with Norm at 1261 Cavendish Drive, Colesville, MD 20904. He may be reached evenings at (301) 989-9035 or days, during the week, at (202) 272-5248.

National Audubon Society Fledges Eastern Shore Chapter

The Wye Oak Audubon Society, a local chapter of the National organization, is in the formative process. A complete schedule of programs and field trips for the first half of 1989 will be presented at the chapter's inaugural program on Saturday, January 21, 1989 from 3-5 p.m. at the Centreville Public Library located off Commerce Street (MD Rt. 213) in Centreville, MD.

Programs and field trips will be open to the general public. Those persons who are already subscribing to *Audubon* magazine but have not been assigned to a chapter will automatically be enrolled in the new chapter upon annual renewal. Those interested in joining may contact Wanda Adams at 643-4583 or write: Wye Oak Audubon Society, P. O. Box 3, Queenstown, MD 21658.

National Audubon is also interested in starting an Annapolis area chapter. Anyone interested in pursuing this idea may contact Mr. Walt Pomeroy, Vice-President, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, 1104 Fernwood Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Although Audubon and MOS share many interests, Audubon provides opportunity for members to diverge into multiple aspects of environmental issues facing us today.

MOS License Plates??

Some members have expressed an interest in getting the Department of Motor Vehicles to make "MOS" license plates. It takes a minimum order of 100. We are asking that each Chapter President poll his or her membership and let me know how many people are interested. We will then act accordingly. Please contact: Rich Dolesh, 17800 Croom Rd., Brandywine, MD 20613, 627-6074.

Irish Grove Work Committee

Three years ago a work committee was formed to help the Wicomico Chapter with the humongous task of looking after the Irish Grove Sanctuary. Besides myself, the active members of this group are Randy Stadler, Jim Stasz, Jeff Effinger, Sam Droege and Sue Ricciardi. This committee will welcome any suggestions that anyone has to offer for what they feel would improve the house, the trails or wildlife management at Irish Grove.

Major improvements to the house have been the replacement of the plumbing last year and the electrical wiring this year. We are now in the process of improving old trails with the construction of bridges, platforms, etc. and establishing a new trail to the North end of the property. The long range plan is to have easy walking trails near the house and low boot trails across the marshes.

A spring Clean-up Day has been scheduled for April 1, 1989 for the purpose of marking and clearing trails and to make plans for the fall workday. Come join us!!

Dotty Mumford
Sanctuary Committee Chairman

Cecil County Bird List

Now that the official Harford County list is a reality, Harold Fogelman has been researching the sightings known to have occurred in Cecil County. We need your input on many species. Does anyone know if the following birds have been sighted in Cecil County?: Yellow-crowned Nigh-Heron, Brant, King or Common Eider, Black Rail, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Willet, any Phalarope, Snowy Owl, Red Crossbill and Common Redpoll. Send any comments to Harold Fogelman, 1170 Wilson Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, phone 658-5633.

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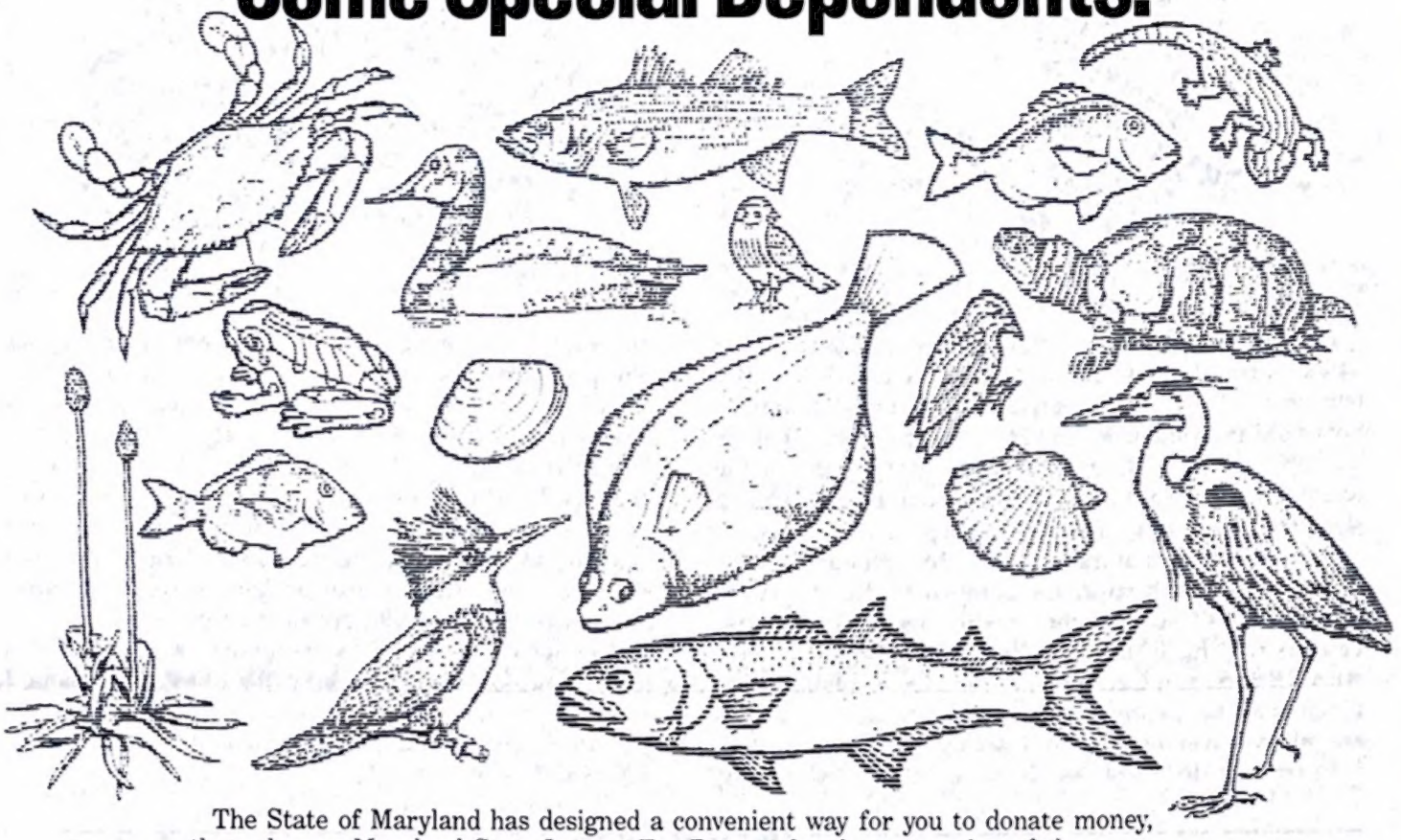
The State Of Maryland Needs Your Help To Care For Some Special Dependents.



The State of Maryland has designed a convenient way for you to donate money, through your Maryland State Income Tax Return, for the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and the protection of Maryland's many endangered species. Please consider a tax deductible contribution to these special causes that affect the quality of life in our State. For now and for the future, show you care.

1. Check Box ☐ at line 63 on the Maryland State Income Tax Return to show that you want to contribute.
2. Enter amount you choose to donate on line 63.
3. The amount will be deducted from your refund or added to your tax payment.
4. The donation is tax deductible in the following year.

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ENDANGERED SPECIES FUND

Donations collected by the Fund will be divided evenly between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Endangered Species Program of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a non-profit organization created by the Maryland General Assembly to raise and distribute funds for Bay restoration projects. The Trust will use the funds to provide grants to non-profit organizations, community associations, schools, or public agencies for citizen involvement projects that:

- Provide public education concerning the Bay
- Preserve or enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat
- Promote reforestation
- Publish educational materials
- Provide training in environmental studies

The Endangered Species Program shall use the funds to protect Maryland's endangered species through:

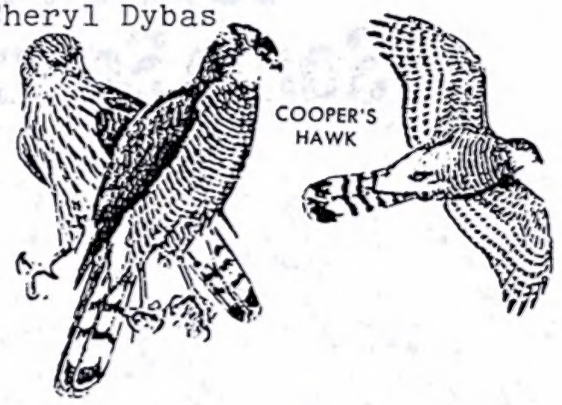
- Preservation and conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals
- Acquisition of important habitats
- Monitoring, surveying, and protecting nongame, threatened and endangered populations
- Habitat protection, management and conservation
- Protection of Natural Heritage Areas
- Implementation of urban wildlife programs
- Providing public education

For further information call the Chesapeake Bay Trust at 974-2941 or the Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service at 974-3195.

HAWKS in the CITY

Area Bird Feeders Attracting Wintering Hawks

by Roger Jones and Cheryl Dybas



An interesting phenomenon is taking place in the hawk world—hawks are moving to the city! In the last few years, there have been many winter sightings of Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks at bird feeders in the metropolitan area. It appears that these raptors of the forest (accipiters) are acclimating to man by choosing to stay where prey is abundant—in town!

Statistics show that more people than ever are feeding birds in their back yards. And much to the chagrin of many of these feeder owners are the large flocks of House Finches that have displaced the more popular Chickadees, Titmice, and Cardinals. The explosion of the House Finch may be related to the suburban appearance of accipiters, normally found wintering in the deep forest.

In an effort to study and document this trend, we are enlisting the help of area feeder owners in reporting Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawk sightings this winter. Identification of these two species is easier with the following tips: Both hawks have relatively short wings and long tails, and fly with several rapid wingbeats, then a short glide. The Sharp-shinned Hawk is the smaller of the two, is more common, and is approximately the size of a Mockingbird. The Cooper's Hawk is larger, and is the size of a Crow. An immature accipiter's back and wings are brown, and an adult's are slate-gray.

If either of these hawks frequents your feeder this winter, please fill out the following questionnaire, and return it by April 1, 1989, to: Cheryl Dybas, 1200 S. Washington Street, #222, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone 836-5632 (Home).

REPORT FORM

Name_____ **Phone Number (Home)**_____

Address_____

I have seen: ☐ SHARP-SHINNED HAWKS (Mockingbird-size). Number seen _____
☐ Immature (brown back) ☐ Adult (gray back) ☐ Unknown

I have seen: COOPER'S HAWKS (Crow size). Number seen _____
☐ immature (brown back) ☐ Adult (gray back) ☐ Unknown

Total number of hawks frequenting backyard/feeder this winter: _____

Have any hawks flown into windows? _____
If any, please give details and state if hawks were injured/killed_____

During the winter, backyard/feeder hawk sightings are:
☐ Rare ☐ Occasional ☐ Frequent ☐ Daily

Date of first sighting_____ Date of last sighting_____

If hawks were seen taking prey, give details_____

Size of lot/acreage and habitat description_____

Mail to: **Cheryl Dybas**
1200 S. Washington St., #222
Alexandria, VA 22314

MOS Calendar—February/March 1989

Friday, February 3

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Birding in Florida," by John W. Taylor. 8 p.m. at the Annapolis Library on West Street.

Saturday, February 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cape Henlopen to Ocean City. Possible Great Cormorant, Red-throated Loon, scoters, eiders, Brant, and other waterfowl. Meet 10 a.m. at Cape May-Lewes Ferry visitor parking lot (second entrance). The leaders are Alex and Helene Hammer, 761-7749.

SEED SALE. Howard. Pickup seed between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Rt. 108, ½ mile E. of Rt. 29. To order seed in advance, call Eileen Clegg at 730-4362.

Sunday, February 5

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Annapolis Neck. Waterfowl and winter residents from Hillsmere to Bay Ridge followed by hot soup at the Fords'. ½-day. Meet at 12 noon at Bay Ridge Shopping Center parking lot. The leaders are John and Helen Ford, 267-8417.

Thursday, February 9

MEETING. Howard. "Birding Southern Manitoba and Churchill," by Chuck Stirrat and Dave Harvey. 7:30 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School in Columbia.

MEETING. Montgomery. Program TBA. 8:00 p.m. at the Potomac Elementary School, on River Rd., 3.6 miles north of Capital Beltway, 0.3 miles beyond the Falls Rd. intersection in Potomac Village.

MEETING. Talbot. "Chile-From the World's Driest Desert to the Uttermost of the Earth," by Dr. Robert Trever. 7:30 p.m. at the Loyola Federal S&L Association, corner of Harrison & Goldsborough Sts. in Easton.

Friday, February 10

MEETING. Baltimore. Annual Oregon Ridge Nature Center meeting. A social evening with Bill Murphy, author of Birds of Trinidad and Tobago. 8 p.m. at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. From I-83 take Exit 20 west; follow Shawan Rd. to light on Beaver Dam Rd.; left, then right at all forks (follow signs to Nature Center).

Sunday, February 12

CYLBURN OPEN HOUSE. Baltimore. MOS Bird Museum open, 2-4 p.m. Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., between Northern Pkwy., and Cold Spring Ln.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Ocean City, MD, and Lewes, DE. Meet 7:00 a.m. at Ames parking lot. Full-day trip. The leader is Les Eastman, 734-6969.

Wednesday, February 15

MEETING. Jug Bay. "Birding on the English Canals," by Erika Wilson. 7:00 p.m. at the two-story house at Patuxent River Park. For information, call 627-6074.

Friday, February 17

MEETING. Caroline. "Wildlife Habitat," by Jim Harris of Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service. 7:30 p.m. Caroline County Public Library.

Saturday-Monday, February 18-20

ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND. Anne Arundel. 17th annual Washington's Birthday birding along the Atlantic Coast from Delaware to Chincoteague. Come for one, two, or all three days. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by February 17. The leader is Jim Cheevers, 224-2061.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. President's Day Coastal Trip. Trip on the Delmarva Peninsula, from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel north to the Delaware coastal refuges. Joint trip with ANS. Limited space. Contact the leader, Paul Dumont, at 931-8994, for details.

Saturday, February 25

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bush River. Meet 8:00 a.m. at John Smith Park (E. of Edgewood on Rt. 40). Half-day. The leader is Jim Wiley, 879-2732.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Patapsco State Park, McKeldin Area Trail Hike. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at parking lot near ranger station. The leaders are Mark Wheeler and Michele Wright, 465-6057.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Coastal Trip—Cape Henlopen to Ocean City. Snow Buntings, Red-throated Loons, Great Cormorants. Possible eiders and Harlequins. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the radar tower parking lot at point, Cape Henlopen State Park. See newsletter for accommodations. The leader is Henry Bielstein, 292-9592.

Sunday, February 26

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Baltimore Harbor. Winter residents and waterfowl. Full day, bring lunch. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride lot off Jennifer Street. The leader is Pete Webb and the coordinator is Sue Ricciardi, 647-9513.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Baltimore Harbor. Wintering ducks, gulls, Lesser Black-backed Gull. Meet at 8 a.m. at South Baltimore General Hospital's south parking lot (off Hanover St., south of the bridge). The leader is Pete Webb, 486-1217.

Monday, February 27

MEETING. Wocomico. "Bird Watching in Arizona," by Colin McAllister. 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Fox Room, Camden Ave., Salisbury.

Tuesday, February 28

MEETING. Patuxent. "Birding on the English Canals," by Erika Wilson. 7:45 p.m. in the luxurious auditorium of Bldg. 3 of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

MEETING. Washington. "Alaska," by Charlie Brightbill. 7:30 p.m. at South Hagerstown High School, Room 33.

Friday, March 3

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Moths of a Maryland Community," by H. Godwin Stevenson, following the annual business meeting. 8 p.m. at the Annapolis Branch of the Anne Arundel County Public Library, 1410 West St., Annapolis.

MEETING. Harford. "Birding in Antarctica," by Charlie Grant. 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, March 4

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Ocean City. All-day trip, bring lunch. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the north parking area of the Asbury Church in Salisbury. The leaders are Colin & Michael McAllister, 742-5421.

Sunday, March 5

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Accokeek—Alice Ferguson Foundation. A tour along the Potomac River where rafts of waterfowl were seen last year. Full day, bring a lunch. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Annapolist Mall Park & Ride lot off Jennifer St. The leader is Chris Swarth and the coordinator is Debbie Rudis, 956-5018.

Tuesday, March 7

MEETING. Baltimore. "I See A Bird. Now What Do I Do?", by David Holmes. Refreshments at 7:30, program at 8:00. Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., between Northern Pkwy. and Cold Spring Ln.

Thursday, March 9

MEETING. Howard. Program TBA. 7:30 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School in Columbia.

MEETING. Montgomery. Annual Social and Election. See the newsletter for details.

MEETING. Talbot. "Shorebirds," by Charlie Vaughn. 7:30 p.m. at the Loyola Federal S&L Association, corner of Harrison & Goldsborough Sts. in Easton.

Saturday, March 11

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Remington Farms and Eastern Neck NWR. Waterfowl and Bald Eagles. Full-day, bring lunch. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride lot off Jennifer Street. The leader is Jim Cheevers, 224-2061.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run. Wintering and early spring migrant ducks, Canada Geese, and land birds. Telescopes recommended. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the entrance gate of this Carroll County park. Take Liberty Rd. (Rt. 26) through Eldersburg, turn left at White Rock Rd. (about 3 mi. past Rt. 32), left at Martz Rd. and continue to park entrance. The leader is Burton Alexander, 381-5574.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Piney Run Park. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Jarrettsville Elementary School. Half-day trip. The leader is June Vaughn, 838-4427.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay). Waterbirds and waterfowl in river marsh habitat. Winter landbirds and early migrants in deciduous forest. Meet at 8 a.m. at park headquarters. Details in newsletter. The leader is John Bjerke, 963-8525.

Calendar continued

Sunday, March 12

CLYBURN OPEN HOUSE. Baltimore. 2-4 p.m. MOS Bird Museum open. Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., between Northern Pkwy. and Cold Spring Ln.

Tuesday, March 14

MEETING. Kent. 7:30 p.m. at Kent County Library, High Street, Chestertown. "Wildlife Management," by Ben Rhen.

Friday, March 17

MEETING. Caroline. "Birding in Florida," by John W. Taylor. 7:30 p.m. Caroline County Public Library.

Saturday, March 18

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Late waterfowl and early shorebirds. ½-day. Meeat at 8 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride lot off Jennifer Street. The leader is Chris Beaton, 849-8451.

Saturday, March 25

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Loch Raven. Waterfowl and land birds; possible Fox Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Bald Eagle. Telescopes recommended. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Timonium Park & Ride lot. Take Timonium Rd. (Exit 16 off I-83) east to first traffic light; turn left at Green Spring Dr. The Park & Ride will be on your right. The leader is Jim Peters, 429-0966.

Monday, March 27

MEETING. Wicomico. Annual Dinner. Bring a covered dish large enough to serve eight people. The program is "Birding in Southeast Asia," by Bob Ringler, MOS President. 6 p.m. at the Wicomico Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday, March 28

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. First in a series of nine Alice Kaestner Memorial Walks to follow the progress of spring migration at Lake Roland. Meeat at 9 a.m. at the lake in Robert E. Lee Park. From Falls Rd., turn east north of Lake Ave. immediately before bridge. Turn right and continue 0.5 mi. to intersection, park, and walk to bridge. The leader is Adelaide Rackermann, 823-4709.

MEETING. Patuxent. "Hydrilla: the Plant That Didn't Eat the Potomac," by Rich Dolesh. 7:45 p.m. in the luxurious auditorium of Bldg. 3 of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

MEETING. Washington. "Birds of America, Some Prosper, Some Perish," by David Thorndill. 7:30 p.m. at South Hagerstown High School, Room 33.

1988 Conservation Stamp and Print

The Great Blue Heron painted by Thomas Stockett is the subject of the 1988 Maryland Conservation Stamp and Print. The stamp cost $5.00 and the print cost $35.00 plus $2.50 for postage and handling. Orders may be placed or further information obtained from:

Department of Natural Resources
Licensing and Consumer Services
P. O. Box 1869
Annapolis, Md. 21404-1869

Make checks payable to: Dept. of Natural Resources.

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The MOS patches may be obtained for $2.00 each plus $.45 postage and handling from either:

Irvine Natural Science Center
St. Timonthy's School
Stevenson, MD 21153
or
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Timonium, MD 21093

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MOS State Membership Dues: Active $6. Two persons at one address, $8. Junior (under 18) $1. Student (full-time) $2. Life. $200. These are the dues for members-at-large. If you wish to join one of the 15 chapters, their active member dues are additional. Contact the appropriate chapter for further information.

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